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SUBJ: REACTION OF OAU STATES TO ETHIOPIAN EXECUTIONS

REF: STATE 261727

1. IN KEEPING WITH EXPRESSED POLICY OF NOT INTERFERING IN AFFAIRS OTHER STATES, GOS HAS THUS FAR NOT COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON CURRENT ETHIOPIAN SITUATION, BUT DAILY "LE SOLEIL" WHOSE EDITOR, BARA DIOUF, USUALLY REFLECTS GOVT VIEWS, DECRIED TURN OF EVENTS IN SIGNED FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL NOV 25. AMONG PERTINENT COMMENTS WAS FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "CAN THIS THIRD PHASE OF THE REVOLUTION IN ETHIOPIA, INAUGURATED IN BLOOD, CONTRIBUTE TO THE REINFORCEMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN NEW -FOUND JUSTICE AND EQUALITY? EXPERIENCE TEACHES US THAT THE ANSWER IS NO, AND HISTORY IS FULL OF EXAMPLES WHICH SHOW WHERE THE WHEELS OF VIOLENCE AND SETTling OF ACCOUNTS LEAD. "IN THESE ANGUISHED HOURS, OUR THOUGHTS ARE NATURALLY OF THE OLD MAN WHO, DESPITE SINFUL NEGLIGENCE, REMAINS A MODEL AND A SYMBOL FOR AFRICA IN THE QUEST FOR INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY".

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, YOUSOUF SYLLA, FORMER ENVOY TO ETHIOPIA AND SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT IN  
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ON FATE OF EMPEROR. SYLLA, WHO KNEW MANY OF EXECUTED  
LEADERS PERSONALLY, IS CLEARLY SHOCKED. WE WILL RAISE  
QUESTION OF WHETHER ANY DEMARCHE OR INTERCESSION  
CONTEMPLATED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.  
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